

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner Nwaonicha and supervisory Examiner Puttlitz for the helpful discussion on July 13, 2009. Possible claim amendments for Claim 17 were discussed. Claim 17 has been amended as supported in the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 1, 2nd paragraph, at the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 17-20, 22-26 will now be active in this application.

Amended Claim 17 clearly sets forth how the acid is liberated:
“reacting a phosphorus halide with an amine or an alcohol, thereby liberating an acid;”
Notably, the phosphorus halide is a compound having at least one phosphorus-halogen (P-Hal) bond.

Thus, the rejection of Claims 17-20 and 22-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, should be withdrawn.

If for some reason the Examiner still does not find this language agreeable, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned Representative by telephone to further discuss the claim language.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed

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representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

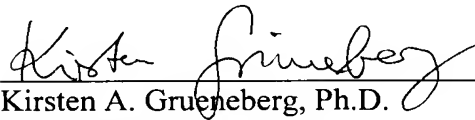
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